

**GALVESTON BAY AREA CHAPTER – TMN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES
June 2, 2009
Extension Office**

The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M.

Board Members Attending:

Frank Budny, Verva Densmore, Jim Duron, Mary Jean Hayden, Diane Humes, Julie Massey, Terry Jackson, Nelda Tuthill, Beverly Williams

Absent:

Sara Snell, Gib Larson

Others Present:

Agenda: Agenda was reviewed.

President

1. Goodbye to past class Reps & welcome to new reps
Mary Jean said goodbye and hello to class reps by serving cake. Mary Jean gave an overview of the job of class representative.
2. Tawy
Tawy is in the hospital. She has been diagnosed with cellulitis. She is very upbeat but will possibly be hospitalized for a while.

Vice-President

1. Meeting speakers
Speaker for the June Chapter meeting will be Anita Tiller, botanist at Mercer Arboretum. She will discuss conservation of endangered plant species of Texas.
2. Website & Chapter calendar
Carolyn Miles gave a presentation of changes to the website. Colors are a little more subdued. The top bar includes Calendar, Volunteer Locations, Chapter Info, Class Information, Directions, Report Service Hours, Photos and Sitemap. Each page has links in left column for links relative to that particular page. The Board was very impressed with the up-dated website. Mary Jean asked Diane Hume to make a presentation at the Chapter meeting to show the updates.

Nancy Russell volunteered to work with photo data base.

3. Midden

The Midden continues to receive kudos.

Treasurer

1. Treasurer's report

Frank presented the Treasurer's report for May 31, 2009. Some donations have been made to the Scholarship Account. With no objections, the report was accepted by the Board.

2. Grants and gifts

A form has been distributed to the membership for recommendations for use of grant and gift monies.

Secretary

1. The Minutes of the Board Meeting of May 5, 2009 were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

2. Nelda presented a list of past motions. She will send an electronic copy to all Board Members

Past President

1. No report.

Sponsor Representative

1. Julie report

Master Gardeners will be attending Chapter meeting.

Julie announced that Carbide Park will not be available for the Chapter meeting in February 2010. She will look into other meeting places.

Julie and a fellow worker, John O'Connell, will be putting together a proposal for coastal training for Master Naturalists in other areas of Texas.

Membership

1. Membership Report

Terry handed out Report for Volunteer Service and Advanced Training Hours.

2. Membership Directory

Directory will be ready soon including the 2009 Spring Class.

Chapter Training

1. Advanced Training
Training is planned through the end of the year.

Volunteer Services

1. Edu-Outreach
Julie and Mary Jean did a booth at Bay Day. They measured wing span. Verva and Julie had over 140 kids at Little Bay Day. Jr. MN certification party was held for over 60 people. Camp Wild is almost ready to go.
2. Stewardship
Project of the Year is Galveston State Park. The next work day is June 23.
Prairie Restoration is doing well and is becoming a multi-chapter activity. Work is being done at Armand Bayou Nature Center, Galveston Island State Park, Texas City Prairie Preserve, Reitan Point and Sheldon Lake Park.

Wetlands Restoration group has been having class and doing work at Sheldon Park.

Audobon has requested help to restore Horseshoe Marsh.

Diane gave a presentation about the Mason Park Storm Wetland Basin to the National Water Quality Conference 2009 at San Antonio May 21. Part of her presentation included the fact that this was a Master Naturalist activity, part of the many volunteer hours performed by Master Naturalists in Texas.

'09 Class Representative

Nancy Russell wants to work with Edu-Outreach

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Barbara Rabek wants to work with Volunteer Services/Stewardship.

Other Business

None.

Terry moved and Beverly seconded that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelda Tuthill
Recording Secretary

Action Items

Date	Project	Action	Responsible	Expected Date to Complete	Comments